

SMOTHERED IN THE NURSERY.

DR. BERLINGER'S TWO LITTLE GIRLS KILLED IN BY FIRE.

Governor Scolded Trifling to Reach Them, Police Officer's Uniform Burned Almost Off, but Neither Could Pass the Wall of Flame—Babies Rescued Too Late.

With two policemen, a neighbor, a governor, and later the firemen making every effort to get past a fire on the top floor of Dr. Robert Berlinger's house at 131 East Seventy-fourth street, yesterday morning, the doctor's two youngest children, Jennie and Elsie, 6 and 8 years old, lay in the bed in the nursery, hugging their dolls and trying to escape the smoke.

When the firemen did get in, after putting out the blaze and letting the smoke clear away, the children were dead.

Dr. and Mrs. Berlinger have three other children. The other members of their household are the butler, Herman Koehler, and the governess, Johanna Lippman. The house is a three-story brick basement structure. Dr. and Mrs. Berlinger and two of the children were eating breakfast when the fire started, about 9 o'clock.

The governess was down in the kitchen getting breakfast ready for Elsie, Jennie and their eleven-year-old sister Hattie, who had remained in the nursery, the front room on the top floor. Hattie had dressed, but Elsie and Jennie were playing in their bed.

Upstairs the butler, opening the door of the storeroom, which is just back of the nursery, was met by a rush of smoke and flame. He rushed downstairs, yelling, and stayed there. Dr. Berlinger, distracted by the thought of his children in peril, alone ran into the street and stood there waving his arms and shouting.

Meanwhile Hattie, the eldest of the three girls in the nursery, had dragged her smaller sisters to the door. She tried to get them to go downstairs with her, but they said they would not leave their mother.

The storeroom door half-way to the stairs, and ran back to bed with their dolls. They pulled the covers over their heads and stayed there.

Policemen Young and Maher were at Lexington avenue and Seventy-third street. They heard Dr. Berlinger shouting and ran to the scene.

While Young rushed for the house, up the stairs behind him ran Richard Lewis, a dry goods merchant, of 131 East Seventy-fourth street. As they went up they met two men, who had already gone in to help, carrying down the governess.

She had rushed to the third floor and in trying to get through the flames had lost most of her hair and had been burned painfully before the men got to her. When they seized her she struggled like an insane person to get back to the nursery.

Policeman Young knew the two imperiled little girls. He had pulled them from the nursery a few years ago, when they were a year and called them his pets. He is no older, either. He was helpless for a month last summer, when he was burned by a burning building from which he had helped to take six people.

He made every effort he could to get to the nursery and was stopped by the flames. He tried to get through the flames, but he was too late.

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POISONED, LOCKED UP AS DRUNK.

Man of 60 Dies in Rye Jail, Too Weak to Make a Statement.

Rye, Feb. 9.—A man about 60 years old, who had a prosperous appearance, died in the village jail in Rye this afternoon.

He was picked up by the street by Police Officer Billington, who supposed he was drunk and locked him up. After the man had been in jail a short time he was taken violently ill, and Dr. D. C. Lowenstein was sent for. Dr. Lowenstein found that the prisoner had been poisoned. He worked over him for half an hour, but could not save his life.

The man tried to make a statement, but he was so weak that he could not make himself understood. Coroner Banning will make an investigation.

Dr. Lowenstein believes that the man either took poison or that somebody administered it to him. He was a German, and from papers found in his possession it is believed that he is a travelling salesman.

ELEVATED IN TUNNEL'S WAY.

City Hall Bridge Staircase Moved—Pedestrians It Shelters Must Get Out.

The bridge which leads over Park row to the City Hall station of the elevated and Brooklyn Bridge trains platform is in a direct line with the excavation for the Rapid Transit tunnel. It was thought necessary at first to take the bridge away entirely, but when the excavating got as far as the outer staircase it was halted.

Now the staircase has been removed and an extension to the bridge has been built to the steps of the Register's Office. Passengers now can walk along the back of the Register's Office into the City Hall Park, but the occupants of the fruit stands who do business under the bridge have to get out and the Madison avenue cars must come to a halt.

In a few days the tunnel people expect to have both staircases removed, and the bridge extended further into the park.

LABOR ORGANIZER'S EXPENSES.

Central Federated Union Refuses to Pay \$40 for Three Days of Ben Tillet.

Ben Tillet, the English Socialist, came here last November as a delegate from the British Trades Union Congress to the convention of the American Federation of Labor. Being the organizer of the London Dock Laborers' Union, he was asked by Delegate Robinson, the Federation's organizer, to spend a week among the longshoremen here trying to organize them before he returned to England.

According to Robinson, Tillet was to receive from the Federation \$21, its regular salary for the work, but he said he could only stay three days, and so Robinson declares, he only spent ten minutes among the longshoremen, who paid little attention to him.

Robinson explained to the Central Federated Union at its meeting yesterday that for these three days Tillet's expense bill was \$40. He advanced Tillet's money, but did not like to submit Tillet's bill to the Federation of Labor and asked if the C. F. U. wouldn't foot it. Everybody at once began to protest.

Tillet was told that his kind take us for," shouted August Waldinger of the Arcade Workers' Union. "Does he think the Central Federated Union is an industrial cow, to be milked by every one?"

"I don't like to hear such talk of a labor man," remarked the chairman.

"You may like it or not," said Waldinger. "We've been suckers too long."

This man Tillet has been doing the same thing everywhere. He charged a New York labor union \$50 for addressing a meeting for one minute. Yet he calls himself one of us.

Some of the delegates said they were sorry that Tillet wasn't present. Delegate Pommeroy said that Tillet had been doing the same thing all over the country, and that complaints of his expense bills had come from cities as far away as Cincinnati.

"I can tell something about Tillet's expense bills," said George H. Warner, delegate of the machinists. Our Reception Committee met him, had to pay \$250 for three days of his expenses there."

Some of the delegates wanted to know what Tillet did with the money. It was decided he didn't know. It was decided by acclamation to refund only the money that Robinson had advanced to Tillet and to let the Englishman be responsible for the rest of the bill.

THE MORTGAGE TAX BILL.

Gov. Odell and His Friends Are Confident That It Will Pass.

ALBANY, Feb. 9.—Gov. Odell and his friends have no doubt that the Stranahan Mortgage Tax Bill will pass the Legislature. It will come up in the Senate on Tuesday and Senator Stranahan says he has no doubt of its passage. On the surface it would appear that the enemies of the bill in the Assembly had erected an opposition which might accomplish its defeat there, but the friends of the bill say the Governor's influence in the lower house will not be in vain.

The Foreign Corporation Tax bill recommended by the Governor and introduced by Senator Krum will also pass the Senate this week. Up to the present time no strong opposition to this measure has manifested itself among the members of the Legislature.

Gov. Odell's legal advisers expect to have ready this week a draft of the bill, recommended by the Governor in his message, abolishing the boards of managers of the State Charitable and Reformatory Institutions and increasing the powers of the State Board of Charities. When the bill abolishing the boards of managers of the State hospitals passed the Legislature it was common report that the Governor would not press the charities bill, but his enemies in the Legislature, who are managers, have given him renewed hope and it is the general opinion that the charities bill will be introduced.

WARRANT OUT FOR A PREACHER.

He Is Accused of Appropriating to His Own Use \$6000 Worth of Jewelry.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Feb. 9.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the Rev. David Miller of this city and Elmira, who is wanted on a charge of appropriating to his own use \$6000 worth of watches and jewelry.

Mr. Miller is by nature a Syrian, but he came to this country and changed his faith. He became an enthusiast in his new religion and established missions and began preaching. For a time he was successful in his religious efforts and won a reputation through central New York, but he determined to find a more lucrative field, and coming to this city obtained jewelry of E. D. Yosbury and others to the amount of \$900, which he was to sell on commission. He disappeared and a search of the city revealed part of the jewelry in pawn. This was recovered, reducing the loss to about \$600. All trace of the missing preacher has been lost and the police believe he has gone West for his life.

Senator Hanna's Guests at Dinner.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Senator Hanna had guests at dinner this evening Senators Aldrich of Rhode Island and Keane of Iowa, Taylor of Ohio and Lovering of Massachusetts, Commander Cowles of the navy, Col. Edwards of the War Department and Mr. Padelford.

SAN REMO THIEVES CAUGHT.

Stole Jewelry Worth \$5,000; Had \$100,000 Worth in Vespene.

Duplicate Keys for Every Wealthy Guest's Room in a Hotel's Possession—Nabbed With Two Pals After One Loss and Hanford's Gems Recovered.

Jewelry worth more than \$5,000, stolen on Saturday morning from the apartments of Warren D. Hanford in the Hotel San Remo, at Central Park West and Seventy-fourth street, was recovered yesterday afternoon by Detective-Sergeant Anthony N. Sauer, and the thieves, two men and a woman, were arrested.

When looked up in the West Sixty-eighth street police station, they admitted their guilt and declared that if their plans had not miscarried through the activity of the police they would have got away with jewelry worth \$100,000 or \$150,000 from the San Remo before the end of the week. The prisoners are James Sweeney, George Marion, both young, and Mabel Hyman of 271 West Fifty-second street.

The Hanfords were married about three months ago, and most of the jewels stolen were wedding presents or family heirlooms. Mr. and Mrs. Hanford breakfasted together at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, and then Mr. Hanford started for his office at 107 Hudson street. He is a commission merchant. His wife, Alice, returned to her room. She found the door locked as usual, but almost immediately missed from a bureau drawer a chamois bag containing jewelry worth between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Mrs. Hanford at once reported the theft to the hotel office, and the police were notified. Detective Sauer was sent to the hotel, a hallway, had been seen in the upper halls during the morning. When questioned he declared that he had only been out of the hotel five minutes during the entire morning and offered to be searched. He went out to get something at a drug store for toothache, he said, and he produced a bottle of tooth paste to corroborate his statement. Nothing suspicious was found on him, but Sauer arrested him on general principles.

He was locked up in the West Sixty-eighth street police station after being remanded in the West Side police court.

Yesterday morning Sauer learned that Sweeney had been living at 233 West Fifty-fourth street with Marion. When the detective went to that address he found that Marion had got wind of Sweeney's arrest and had cleared out. Sauer searched the room, however, and found a note to Marion from the Hyman woman, from which he learned that Sauer was her lover.

He watched her house for two hours yesterday and at 1 o'clock saw Marion go in. He went in, too, and nabbed both the man and the woman.

It wasn't long before the woman produced some of the stolen jewelry and told where the rest of it had been sold or hidden. Most of it was recovered later from friends of the thieves who lived at 236 West Thirty-sixth street. The rest had been sold in Eighty-eighth street, near Sixth avenue, and at a store on Seventy-fourth street, near Sixth avenue. Marion and the Hyman woman were locked up.

When Sweeney learned that the couple had "squealed" he told his story. He ran the elevator in the San Remo for an hour or so one day last week and Mrs. Hanford gave him the key to her apartment to hand to her maid. He took an impression of it in wax, and later made a duplicate key. With it he had no difficulty in getting into the Hanfords' apartments on Saturday while they were at breakfast. Then he went out and passed the jewelry to Marion, who was waiting. It was at Marion's suggestion that he got the tooth paste as an excuse for his having gone out of the hotel.

He had learned who of the wealthy people in the hotel kept jewelry in their rooms, Sweeney said, and he had either keys or impressions of keys for most of their door locks. If he had not been arrested he could have easily gathered up many thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry in the next week.

At the San Remo it was said yesterday that Sweeney had been working there for about a month and a half. He had been recommended by a Wall Street banker who had formerly been a guest at the hotel.

ITALIAN ROBBED OF \$1,400.

His Beer Said to Have Been Drugged—Men Who Worked for Him Arrested.

John Matarez, an Italian fruit dealer at 316 Fifth avenue and who lives on the second floor of 23 Garfield place, Brooklyn, was robbed of \$1,400 at his home on Saturday night.

Matarez and his partner, Angelo Caranaco, was their custom, went to the former's house at midnight, after closing the store, to have some beer. Pietro De Maio, 23 years old, and Michael Caravella, 18 years old, who work for Matarez and Caranaco and who boarded with Matarez, were present.

Pietro went out for the beer. When he returned Matarez drank three glasses, Caranaco had two, Caravella took only half a glass, and Pietro, who bought the beer, only tasted it.

Matarez fell into a heavy sleep and his partner became violently ill. The two clerks assisted Matarez in putting her hands and feet into the trunk. Mrs. Matarez took off his trousers, containing the money, rolled them up and put them under the baby's pillow on the side of the bed. Then the wife, who says she was awakened about 6 o'clock by the slamming of a door. She then discovered that her husband was in a stupor, and the trousers and money were missing.

Her husband, who was lying on the floor, was awakened and she summoned an ambulance surgeon from the Seney Hospital, who said that Matarez was suffering from a drug. His stomach was pumped out and he recovered. Detective Vachre arrested De Maio and Caravella on a charge of grand larceny. When searched \$2 was found on De Maio, \$10 of which was a gold coin. Included in the money that Matarez was robbed of were four \$10 gold pieces. The two men were locked up in the Adams street station.

GIRL MURDER IN FRISCO.

Entitled to a House by an Advertisement for a Nurse—Suspected Man Gone.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—Norah Fuller, 16 years old, disappeared from her home here on Jan. 8. She went out on that day to answer the advertisement of a man who wanted a girl to take care of a baby. She did not return home and the police have now found her dead body in a house at 2111 Sutter street.

John Bennett, alias C. B. Hawkins, bought a second-hand bedstead, mattress, pillows and sheets on Jan. 8 and they were delivered at the house. He and a young woman were seen at the house on that day. The police theory is that Hawkins enticed the girl to the house and there tried to assault her. When she resisted he strangled her, locked the house and departed after destroying any clues to his own identity.

Detectives have been unable to locate the lodging house where Hawkins lived or to trace his movements since the day he bought the furniture. As he paid a month's rent in advance he had all the time at his disposal to carry out the murder of his young victim.

Opening of The "Iran Kermansha" Rug Sale.

The rarest specimens only.

Lot No. 3, \$53.00 each.

Lot No. 4, \$47.00 each.

Lot No. 6, \$27.00 each.

Lot No. 7, \$21.50 each.

We consider this the most important special sale of Rugs given under our direction.

Commencing Monday, February 10.

Lord & Taylor.

Broadway & 20th St.

MORTGAGE BURNED IN CHURCH.

Joy of St. Jerome's Congregation as Debt of \$10,000 Is Wiped Out.

St. Jerome's Roman Catholic Church at 138th street and Alexander avenue, at the celebration of high mass yesterday morning, was filled by a big congregation gathered to witness the burning of a second mortgage of \$10,000 on the church building.

The church was built nearly two years ago. When its former pastor, Father P. W. Pandey, died last April, there was a debt of \$170,000 to meet. Of this there was a second mortgage of \$10,000, bearing 6 per cent interest. That part of it has been wiped out mainly through the efforts of Father George J. Donlin, the present pastor.

The mortgage was burned on a copper plate, the paper having been soaked in alcohol. Father Donlin held the plate and meanwhile the bell of the church was tolled. As the sound of the sixteenth stroke was dying away the choir sang a hymn of praise.

Father Donlin hopes to wipe out the remaining encumbrance of \$154,000 in the next two years.

New Broadway Tabernacle Choir.

The kind of music the Broadway Tabernacle is to have during the next church year, which commences May 1, is still under consideration by the trustees and the new Music Committee.

It was learned yesterday from a trustee that a male quartet and a boy choir are under consideration. It is certain that the present quartet is to go.

The Weather.

The high pressure which was central over the northeast on Saturday covered yesterday all the country east of the Rocky Mountains, except the extreme southwest. The air was clear and calm in most of the northern districts and spread well into the Southern States, while on the Atlantic Coast the temperature rose somewhat. The lowest temperature reported was 6 degrees below zero, at Hiram, N. D.

The weather was generally fair, except for rain and some snow flurries at points in the Southern States. There were also some snow flurries in the Lake regions, due to the cold weather. It was becoming warmer in the extreme northwest, where a low pressure was coming in from the North Pacific.

In this city the day was fair and warmer; maximum wind velocity, 50 miles an hour; from the northwest; average humidity, 74 per cent; barometer, corrected, read to sea level, at 3 A. M., 30.2; 3 P. M., 30.2.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, and also by the Sun's thermometer at the street level, is shown in the annexed table:

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For eastern New York, eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, partly cloudy to-day and to-morrow; diminishing northeast winds.

For New England, fair to-day, except snow in the mountain districts; fair to-morrow; diminishing west winds.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, fair to-day and to-morrow; light west winds.

For western New York, snow flurries along the Lakes, fair in the interior to-day and to-morrow; diminishing northwest winds.

For the Pacific States, fair to-day and to-morrow; light west winds.

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WILL GUDEN SAVE HIS NECK?

SOME BROOKLYN REPUBLICANS THINK IT WILL END THUS.

Predict That Gov. Odell Will Lecture Him on the Beauty of Truth, but Find No Proof of Bribery—Meanwhile Dady Is Out of Reach Again.

All sorts and conditions of Republicans in Brooklyn were concerned yesterday as to Gov. Odell's decision of Sheriff Gudén's fate. Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff, Walter B. Atterbury, ex-Mayor Scholten, Charles A. Moore and many others discussed the situation. It was admitted that none knew what the Governor's intentions are and there was no desire to attempt to influence the Governor one way or the other. All said that the Governor was quite competent to pronounce judgment after the exhaustive hearings at Albany.

There is bitter feeling among the Brooklyn Republicans over the Gudén disclosures. The Atterbury folks declared that they would carry the fight against Gudén and his friends into the primaries in September next and yet it was remembered that Mr. Atterbury himself voted for Gudén's nomination for Sheriff after his name had been presented by Michael J. Dady. It was after election day, though, that Mr. Atterbury and Republicans in the Woodruff-Dady camp were startled by the Gudén-Reiss disclosures and the flippant and strange testimony of Gudén at Albany was not added to their estimate of Sheriff Gudén as a statesman.

Many Republicans attempted to predict that Gov. Odell will not remove Sheriff Gudén from the ground that the allegations that he entered into a corrupt bargain with Dady before election day was not substantiated at the hearings before the Governor. Some Republicans ventured the opinion that Gov. Odell would read Gudén the severest kind of a lecture for his admitted political obliquity in attempting to deceive his fellows, but that no proof was adduced to show that the alleged corrupt bargain was consummated, and furthermore that Gudén since he became Sheriff of Kings has not committed any overt act which would warrant his removal by the Governor.

Still, the whole business has left a dark brown taste in the mouths of Brooklyn Republicans, and the fact that the Woodruff-Dady supremacy has been maintained at the primaries without a break. As a matter of fact, while Brooklyn Republicans turn out like hordes on election day they have not taken much interest in the squabbles of the machinists at the primaries or at least the opponents of the Woodruff-Dady supremacy.

One matter, however, is now very generally discussed in the Hamilton, Brooklyn, Montauk, Union League, Oxford and other well-known clubs where Republicans of importance congregate and that is the frequent and prolonged absences of Mr. Dady from his post of duty as a Commissioner of Elections.

He has been absent from his post of duty for so long that the side of Cuba looking after some dredging contracts. On the eve of last fall's municipal election he departed for Havana to see the United States Commissioner of the Bureau of Elections in Tammany's hands. He returned quickly at the cable-command of Senator Platt. If Mr. Dady had not been called to the place that in the last week or so he could have attended the hearings of the Gudén case before Gov. Odell. Mr. Dady is paid \$5,000 a year as a Commissioner of Elections. He does not earn his salary. He gives no heed to his duties. He has frequently said in the newspapers that he did not need the salary, but he is paid on the basis of his position.

This matter is likely to become a pulchritudine in the eyes of the people. The Tammany Commissioners are a majority over Commissioner Page, Mr. Dady's fellow Republican Commissioner.

It was pointed out by prominent Brooklyn Republicans yesterday that the approaching election in the State is to be important. A full State ticket from Governor Leavelle, Governor and Assemblymen, and a Judge of the Court of Appeals. These Republicans contended that Mr. Dady should not be allowed to leave his post as a Commissioner of Elections and that if he cannot find it consistent with his business interests to remain in this country he should resign. They should be no competitor in this full similar to the unhappy one in the municipal election last November.

WOODRUFF SELLS PLATT.

They Won't Talk About Gudén—McKinley Memorial at Albany March 4.

Senator Platt had a short talk last night at the Fifth Avenue Hotel with Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff and others on the Brooklyn situation, but pending the Governor's decision neither Senator Platt nor Mr. Woodruff desired to speak. The Senator will return to Washington this morning.

Senator Platt and Senator Dewey and all the leading Republicans of the State are at Albany on March 4 to attend the McKinley Memorial at Albany.

The heating apparatus on a passenger car which was being cleaned in the Jersey City yards in Jersey City burst last night. James Callahan, 28 years old, a carpenter living in Newark, was struck on the head by a flying missile and so badly injured that it was necessary to send him to the City Hospital. Sarah Sligter, 28 years old, a car cleaner of 88 Lincoln street, Jersey City, was cut on the right hand.

Killed by Dynamite Explosion.

SHARON, Pa., Feb. 9.—Three laborers were injured fatally, one man missing and seven others in a serious condition suffering from broken legs, ribs and internal injuries, as the result of a premature blast of dynamite at Osgood, this county, yesterday afternoon. A gang of men of the Broadhead Construction Company was blasting through a deep cut for the Pittsburgh, Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad, when a heavy charge of dynamite exploded. Three men have died and one cannot live. All of the laborers are Italians.

Rock Island and Santa Fe in Rivalry for Mexican Trade.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 9.—The completion of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific's connection with the El Paso and North Western, giving it a direct entrance into El Paso, has led to an intense rivalry between that company and the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe as to which shall be the favored line in arranging with the Mexican Central Railroad for handling Mexican business. The report that these two companies are negotiating for the purchase of the Mexican Central is discredited in Mexican railway circles.

JOINTS ABOUT TOWN.

The Wilson Line steamship Ontario, in yesterday from Dundee, brought 31,000 sacks of Scotch potatoes.

The Central Federal Union decided yesterday to support the Chinese Exclusion bill, now before Congress, in every way it could.

William S. Charles, a cab driver, was found dead in the furnished room house at